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SUBJ: LINKS WITH BENGUELA RAILROAD

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1. ACCORDING TO STATEMENT BY GRZ MINISTER OF WORKS, ZAMBIA AND ANGOLA HAVE
AGREED ON A ROAD LINK WHICH WOULD RUN FROM
CALUNDA, ANGOLA (ABOUT 52 KM FROM ZAMBIAN BORDER) VIA MWINILUNGA
ZAMBIA TO CHINGOLA ON ZAMBIA'S COPPERBELT. THE LINK WOULD ENABLE
ZAMBIAN CARGO SHIPPED TO LOBITO TO BE RAILED AS FAR AS LUSO,
ANGOLA, CARRIED BY TRUCK FROM LUSO TO CALUNDA ANGOLA ON AN
EXISTING ROAD, AND THEN ALONG THE NEW LINK TO ZAMBIA.

- 2. EMBASSY UNABLE TO LOCATE ANGOLAN TOWNS MENTIONED ON OUR MAPS BUT MWINILUNGA, ZAMBIA LIES AT ABOUT SAME LATITUDE AS LUBUMBASHI AT APPROXIMATELY 24 DEGREES, 30 MINUTES LONGITUDE. IT IS APPROXIMATELY 25 MILES FROM BOTH ZAIRE AND ANGOLAN BORDERS.
- 3. THE ANGOLAN/ZAMBIAN DISCUSSIONS ON THE ROAD LINK WERE DESCRIBED AS "PRELIMINARY" IN PRESS REPORTS. THE EXACT BORDER CROSSING POINT FOR THE ROAD HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED. CLINGERMAN UNCLASSIFIED

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